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Applicant	herewith submits to the United Sta	ites Designated/Elected Office (DO/EC	D/US) the following items and other information:				
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	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.						
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5.	A copy of the International Application	ı as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
	a. is attached hereto (required	only if not communicated by the Internation	nal Bureau).				
	b.  has been communicated by	the International Bureau.					
	c. is not required, as the applic	cation was filed in the United States Receivi	ing Office (RO/US).				
6.	An English language translation of the	e International Application as filed (35 U.S.C	2. 371(c)(2)).				
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7.	Amendments to the claims of the Inter	rnational Application under PCT Article 19 (	35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))				
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8. 🔲	An English language translation of the	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9.	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).						
10.	An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).						
Items	11 to 20 below concern document(s)	) or information included:					
11. 🗹	An Information Disclosure Statement	under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12.	An assignment document for recording	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. 🔽	A preliminary amendment.						
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